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Probibition in Politics.

Nor alone in Oregon and the Northwest is the question of prohibition a living issue, but in several other states leading men testify to the importance of that question as an active element in the next two years. Whether it be a spasmodic effort at legislation, or an ephemeral protest against existing forms, it is cer- Hon. C. W. Fulton. Hon. F. J. Taylor. Hon. C. J. Trenchard. tain that previous political calculations must be considerably modified. For instance, Kansas, a Re- B. S. W. publican Gibraltar, has chosen a Democratic governor, and may elect a Democrat to the United States senate, as a consequence of the prohibition movement. In Iowa, which has for years been the banner Republican state, giving Garfield a majority of 78,126 in 1880, the party showed but 5,000 majority last November, losing five members of congress as a direct result of the prohibition movement.

In Kentucky and North Caroli-Hay, Dats, Straw, Wood, Etc. na, two of the largest whiskyhas taken a strong hold and will General storage and Wharfage on reasonable terms, Foot of Berton street, Astoria play an improve an improvement of the control of the cont play an important part in future elections. Even in Texas it is an increasing force. The part the question played in Ohio and Indiana last Fall is well known. In view of the rapid development of this sentiment and in the part it is playing and apparently is destined to play in the politics of the country, the whisky interest is not idie. The Windom investigation last winter brought out the fact that the whisky association in the preceding election sent considerable sums of money into Kansas, Ohio, and other states to fight the batle of the anti-prohibitionists. It rests on good authority that in the late elections the association took a more active part than ever before. This it was able to do by its vast resources and the character of the organization, power being lodged in the hands of a very few persons, always awake to the interests they represent, and shrewd enough to act promptly and effectually. .

Naturally, this question is in certain sense transferred to congress by the proposal of the whisky interest for the postponement of the internal tax on whisky. Prohibitionists, as a matter of course, will follow their foe wherever it is found asking favors. Oddly enough prohibitionists are resisting the abolition of the whisky tax. In this they become the allies of the whisky men. To the whisky interest the tax is in the nature of a protection and a benefit, a fact which prohibitionists and temperance advocates in gen eral, are slow to perceive.

Each great European war is marked by the introduction of something novel in the way of weapons, projectiles or tactics, and the next struggle, whenever it takes place, and whether the parties to it be France and Germany or Austria and Russia, is altogether likely to present features of unusual interest to the student of military progress. The French having constructed a formidable series of frontier fortresses that would take too much time to reduce by existing methods, the Germans propose to smash them to pieces by throwing dynamite shells into them from ballistas or catapults or similar engines of classical or mediaval origin, while the Austrians have invented a land-torpedo of much promise. During the Dalmatian insurrection last year two officers and two men blocked a pass in seventeen minutes by laying down fifteen of these flying mines, and sixty men could in twenty five minutes establish a line of them a mile in length. By way of protecting an exposed pass or one that has been suddenly seized, or of rendering a besieged Plain and Fancy Sewing. coy about advancing upon a fortified place, the Zubowitz tor-pedoes ought to prove effective. They will be especially formidable to the Austrian prisoners to whom s practical enemy will at one e the exciting task of re-

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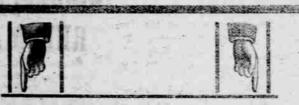
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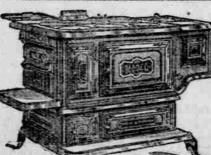
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